

REMARKS

The following amendments and remarks are submitted to be fully responsive to the Official Action of **April 17, 2006**. In the present amendment, claims 1-60 and 79-183 are cancelled, and claims 184-203 are added. No new matter is introduced (see, e.g., claims 61-78, as previously presented). Thus, claims 61-78 and 184-203 are now pending. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

First, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Reagan for the personal interview conducted on July 14, 2006, and at which time it was agreed to file the present Supplemental Amendment directed to a single invention, as recited in present independent claims 61, and 184, and the claims dependent therefrom.

As discussed during the interview, the present independent claims 61 and 184, and the claims dependent therefrom, are patently distinguishable over *Perritt* (“Perritt Knowbots, Permissions Headers & Contract Law”), because *Perritt* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all the features recited in the claims. For example, independent claims 61 (emphasis added) and 184, in relevant part recites:

An apparatus for rendering digital content in accordance with rights that are enforced by the apparatus, said apparatus comprising:
a rendering engine configured to render digital content;
a storage for storing the digital content;
means for **requesting use of the digital content stored in the storage**; and
a repository coupled to the rendering engine,
wherein the repository includes:
means for processing a request from the means for requesting,
means for **checking whether the request is for a permitted rendering of the digital content in accordance with rights specified in the apparatus**, and
means for **processing the request to make the digital content available to the rendering engine for rendering if the request is for a permitted rendering of the digital content**.

Independent claims 184 (emphasis added) recites:

A method for controlling rendering of digital content on an apparatus having a rendering engine configured to render digital content and a storage for storing the digital content, said method comprising:

specifying rights within said apparatus for digital content stored in said storage, said rights specifying how digital content can be rendered;

storing digital content in said storage;

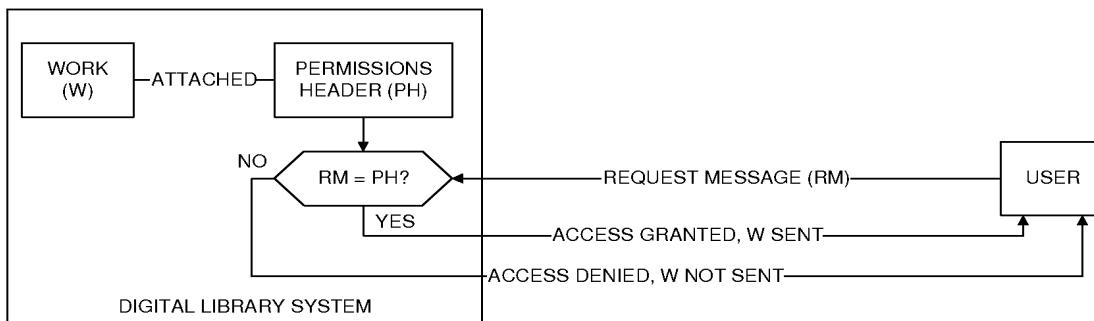
receiving a request for rendering of said digital content stored in the storage;

checking whether said request is for a permitted rendering of said digital content in accordance with said rights specified within said apparatus; and

processing the request to make said digital content available to the rendering engine for rendering if said request is for a permitted rendering of said digital content.

By contrast, as shown below, *Perritt* is directed to a digital library system, wherein permissions header (PH) is attached to a work (W) and a request message (RM) from a user is matched against the permissions header. If there is a match between the request message and the permissions header, access to the work is granted and the work is sent to the user. If, however, there is no match between the request message and the permissions header, access to the work is not granted and the work is not sent to the user.

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Thus, *Perritt* merely discloses a conventional access control system, and is no better than Applicants' Background Art (see, e.g., ¶¶ [0006]-[0007] of Applicants' published Specification). However, *Perritt* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the novel feature related to the rendering of content, as recited in independent claims 61 and 184.

Accordingly, independent claims 61 and 184 and claims depended therefrom, are patentably distinguishable over *Perritt*. The dependent claims are allowable on their own merits and for at least the reasons as argued above with respect to their independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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